

NOTICE OF A SECOND CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A TRUCK INFORMATION STATION
AND/OR TRUCK TURN-AROUND LOCATION ALONG U.S. 64/N.C. 28 BETWEEN U.S.
23/441 IN FRANKLIN AND N.C. 106 IN HIGHLANDS

TIP Project No. R- 5115

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Macon County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a second citizens' informational workshop on Thursday, May 10, 2012, between the hours of 4-7 p.m. at the Franklin Town Hall Board Room, located at 95 East Main St.

The first public meeting for this proposed truck information station/ truck turn-around project was held at the Cullasaja Gorge Fire Department on Sept. 22, 2011. Four locations/options were being considered, but these options are no longer an option based on public opinion. A new alternative has been designed and is proposed to be constructed east of Franklin on the south side of U.S. 64/N.C. 28 between Rogers Road and Hiland Park Lane.

Currently, large trucks are prohibited to use this segment of U.S. 64/N.C. 28 in Macon County, but some trucks continue to use this portion of road despite warning signs. The existing road is a narrow, two-lane road with sharp curves and a steep grade.

The NCDOT proposes to provide an option where truckers can obtain alternate route information and safely turn around along the U.S. 64 / N.C. 28 corridor between Franklin and Highlands.

The project is scheduled for right-of- way acquisition to begin in November 2013. The project is scheduled to be let to contract in July 2014. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

The purpose of this informal, open house-style public meeting is to display maps showing the new proposed location since receiving public comment opposing the original four proposed locations. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer any questions and again receive public input. The opportunity to submit written comments will also be provided and is encouraged. Citizens may attend any time. There will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone desiring additional information regarding the proposed project may contact NCDOT Project Planning Engineer Zahid Baloch by phone at (919) 707-6012 or by email at zbaloch@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Baloch as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.